

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 12 - 7th March 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many children and staff dressed up for 'World Book Day' yesterday - a real celebration of the wonderful world that books can take us to. There was lots of talk about favourite books and much-loved characters. I hope you found the Book Token in their bookbags. Thank you to those who could come in to share a book and to everyone for all your hard work in helping to prepare for this special day.

Thank you so much for the positive feedback we have had regarding our mid-year reports, we wanted to ensure that we provided a report that celebrates all areas of your child's journey coupled with an insight into our amazing curriculum.

I would also like to thank Mr James Andreae for volunteering his time to come and clear the thorny bramble bushes outside year one by the pond. It has opened up so much space for us to create a woodland footpath.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Parent Forum - Fundraising	Thursday 20 th March 9.15-9.45am
Red Nose Day	Friday 21 st March (details to follow)
FOCUS Mother's Day Craft in school	Mon 24th-Weds 26th March
Rocksteady Parents only - Concert	Tuesday 1 st April @ 10am (details to follow)
FOCUS Easter Bonanza (details to follow)	Tuesday 1 st April 3.20pm – 4.30pm
Easter Raffle Draw	Thursday 3rd April 3.20pm in the playground
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April
Easter Holidays (inc. Bank Holidays)	Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
Back to School	Tuesday 22 nd April
Year R Longdown Activity Farm	Monday 28 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Year 1 Seacity Museum	Thursday 8 th May
Year 2 Synagogue and Romsey Abbey Visit	Monday 12 th or Thursday 15 th May
Half Term (inc. Bank Holiday)	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May
Back to School	Monday 2 nd June
Year 1 Phonics Screening week	Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June
Year 2 Marwell Zoo	Thursday 12 th June
INSET Days	Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22 nd July

Our Learning This Week

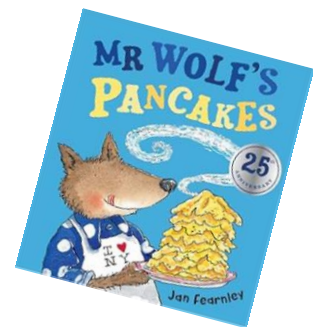
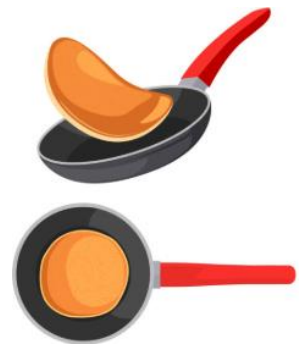


Year R

Year R have had a wonderful week. We read the book of Mr Wolf's Pancakes and wrote our own shopping lists for pancake ingredients. On Tuesday, we all helped to make pancake batter and then watched our teachers flip them before eating them all up! In the afternoon, we had so much fun doing pancake races, even the teachers joined in!

We now have our tadpoles in class and they are changing quickly! They have already hatched and begun swimming around the tanks! Miss Saunders even caught a frog to show us where the frogspawn had come from!

Thursday was World Book Day and wow, everyone looked amazing! Well done for such creative costumes! We loved sharing our books and enjoyed making bookmarks and pictures.



KS1

Year 1

Year 1 have had such an exciting start to this term... There were fruit and vegetables trapped around the school! We are focussing on the story of 'Supertato', which the children are thoroughly enjoying. This week, we have been describing the Evil Pea to build up to creating our own wanted poster for the Pea! In maths, we have been developing our subtraction, by applying our number bond knowledge within 10 to those within 20. We have also used number lines to count back to work out subtraction questions. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying their new story of 'Pattan's Pumpkin'. They loved learning new exciting vocabulary from the text and have now written some amazing newspaper reports about the main events. In maths they have begun learning about fractions and identifying that a fraction is when a whole is split into equal parts. In science, they have been learning about the parts of their plants, their functions and identifying what seed dispersal means. They created some beautiful posters to explain what this means. Well done Year 2!





Parent Forum



Apologies for having to cancel the last Parent Forum. The next parent forum will be on Thursday 20th March @ 9.15am, and the topic will be **Fundraising**.

Parenting Support



Welcome to Hampshire County Council's partnership with the Solihull Approach. These free online courses offer advice and practical tips to boost your confidence as a parent, help you navigate family life and strengthen your relationships. Whether you are a mum, dad, foster parent or grandparent, there is a course for you.

Developed by psychologists and professionals, they have been designed to help you understand your child's feelings, development and behaviour, as well as focus on your own feelings as you grow as a family.

To Find out more about these free online courses by click [here](#).

Lateness and Punctuality



It is important for the children to be on time at the start of the morning and afternoon school sessions and to lessons. The start of school/lessons is used to give out instructions or to organise work. If your child is late they can miss work, time with their class teacher getting vital information, cause disruption to the lesson for others, and can be embarrassing for them leading to possible further absence.

If lateness persists, parents, guardians or carers will be invited to attend a meeting with the Headteacher, class teacher and the Family and Child Support Co-ordinator to discuss the problem and support offered. If support is not appropriate or is declined and a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence due to lateness recorded in any 10-week period, the school or the Hampshire County Council will be required to issue parents with a penalty notice in accordance with Hampshire's Code of Conduct for issuing penalty notices for non-attendance.



HOT TOPIC



Plans for our very own sensory garden

We have plans to create a sensory garden at Cupernham Infant School in the space outside the school hall. It will create an amazing inclusive space that can stimulate learning and the senses.

What Is a Sensory Garden? A Sensory Garden is an area or space which has been designed to stimulate and engages with all five senses. This happens through the use of plants, flowers, light and sound to create a completely immersive experience. Sensory Gardens are beneficial to both children and adults, especially those who have sensory processing issues, including autism and other disabilities. We look forward to creating this garden over the next few weeks for everyone, so they can enjoy, what will be a very special place.

If you can help in any way, please contact the school details and leave your details. Thank you

Here are a few ideas we have planned:



Safeguarding Newsletter



In today's ever-evolving technical world, keeping our pupils safe online is always at the forefront of our minds. As a school, we play a vital role in keeping our pupils safe online. Parents/carers also have an important role to play. We appreciate that it can be difficult to know exactly what you can do to help your children navigate this world safely – especially as changes and advances are happening all the time. Please read our monthly newsletter (attached) and refer any enquiries to a member of the senior leadership team.

FOCUS Mother's Day Crafts

During the week commencing 24th March, every child will have the chance to create a personalised magnet keepsake to bring home. To cover costs, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2.50 per child to be paid via PTA Events by Friday 21st March.

Mother's Day Craft tickets are now available to purchase here -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/focus-infants/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95036>



After School Sports Club

Polite reminder: If your child is attending one of our After School Sport Clubs please **queue** by the main office door and your child will be released to you when you are at the front of the queue. Thank you.

The Children have spoken and we have listened!

Don't forget the Pizza served on a Wednesday for week 3 will now **always** be a cheese and tomato pizza instead of BBQ chicken pizza.



We still have a drop off point and collection basket in the main entrance where, if you wish to, you can donate. Their current shopping list is:

OUR SHOPPING LIST

CUSTARD

RICE PUDDING

JAM/HONEY/MARMITE

For full details please visit:

<https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



FOCUS

THANK YOU!

A huge well done to all the members of FOCUS who planned and baked those amazing treats last Friday. Across both schools they raised an amazing, £1000. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you to..

To all the wonderful FOCUS volunteers, staff & our very own DJ Miss Holmes for making the Valentine's Disco so special, the children had a fantastic time and gave their best dance moves!

Have a great weekend,

Ali Wooldridge,
School Business Manager



Useful Support and Helplines



Times are difficult now and we want to let you that you are 'Never Alone'. This information has been put together by a number of professional services and highlights the key agencies that may be able to offer help, support and advice when needed.

In addition to this, please visit our [Parent Support Pages](#) on our website for further support or contact our **Family and Child Support Co-ordinator, Mrs Catherine Richards** on c.richards@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk. She is always happy to have a chat!



Contacting us

Please don't forget to keep us informed of any change to your contact details as soon as possible.

Telephone: 01794 514494. If you need to report your child absent then press option 1 and leave a message, at any time.

Via email: adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk

Please visit our website at: www.cupernhaminfant.com

Cuckoo Club mobile 07510318970, please use this number if you need to contact them during the session.